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SUBJ: NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE: KOREAN MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

SUMMARY: SOUTH KOREAN REPS CALLED TO DISCUSS TWO KOREAS' APPLICATIONS FOR NAC MEMBERSHIP AND ROK EFFORTS TO OBTAIN EQUAL TREATMENT WITH NORTH KOREA. PROSPECTS ARE "UNCERTAIN".
END SUMMARY.

1. FORMER SOUTH KOREAN AMBASSADOR TO PERU CHUN AND PRESENT KOREAN DCM MOON CALLED RESPECTIVELY AUGUST 15 ON AMBASSADOR AND EMBOFFS TO DISCUSS APPLICATIONS BY TWO KOREAS FOR MEMBERSHIP AT UPCOMING LIMA NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

2. SOUTH KOREAN REPS SAID ROK IS TRYING TO PROTECT ITS INTERESTS VIS-A-VIS THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT. ROK DOES NOT REALLY WANT MEMBERSHIP IN NAC, BUT IS PRESSING TO RECEIVE EQUAL TREATMENT WITH NORTH KOREA: EITHER MEMBERSHIP OR NON-ADMITTANCE FOR BOTH KOREAS. IN PURSUIT OF ROK OBJECTIVES, FONMIN IS ARRIVING AUG 17 ON A "PRIVATE VISIT". ROK IS SENDING TO LIMA ITS AMBASSADORS TO GABON, ARGENTINA, INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA (CHUN).

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3. KOREAN REPS INDICATED NORTH KOREAN FONMIN IS ALSO COMING TO LIMA. HE MET PERUVIAN FONMIN DE LA FLOR IN BELGRADE LAST MONTH, A MEETING THE UYGOSLAVS FACILITATED. KOREAN REPS SAID FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR SILVA HAD TOLD THEM THAT NORTH KOREA HAD SOUGHT TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PERU BEFORE THE LIMA CONFERENCE, AND HAD PRESSED FOR AN OFFICIAL INVITATION FOR NORTH KOREAN FONMIN. GOP HAD DECIDED AGAINST ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER LIMA NAC, AND HAD TURNED DOWN OFFICIAL INVITATION. THUS, NORTH KOREAN FONMIN WOULD ALSO BE HERE ON A PRIVATE VISIT.

4. KOREAN REPS POINTED OUT NORTH KOREA HAS AN IMPORTANT ADVANTAGE IN THAT THE MAY MAN COORDINATING COMMITTEE MEETING IN HAVANA HAD PLACED NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR NAC MEMBERSHIP ON THE AGENDA FOR LIMA, SO THE CONFERENCE WILL DEFINITELY CONSIDER IT. THE QUESTION OF SOUTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP, ON THE OTHER HAND, WOULD BE TAKEN UP INITIALLY BY THE 17-MEMBER COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON AUGUST 23 AND 24, PRIOR TO THE NAC OPENING SESSION ON AUG 25. THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE WOULD DECIDE ON "CRITERIA" TO GOVERN ADMITTANCE OTHER APPLICANTS FOR MEMBERSHIP INCLUDING ROMANIA, THE PHILIPPINES AND SOUTH KOREA. DEPENDING UPON THE DECISION OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE REGARDING THE VARIOUS OTHER CANDIDATES, PARTICULAR CANDIDACY MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT COME BEFORE NAC.

5. KOREAN REPS SAID NORTH AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE, WHO HAD APPLIED SEPARATELY FOR MEMBERSHIP, WOULD CERTAINLY BE ACCEPTED. THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE FONMIN WOULD BE COMING TO LIMA AND POSSIBLY FONMIN OF NORTH VIETNAM.

6. KOREAN REPS INDICATED THAT PERU HAS ADOPTED AN IMPARTIAL ATTITUDE TOWARD THE CANDIDACIES OF THE TWO KOREAS. MALAYSIA AND LIBERIA ARE WORKING TOWARD SOUTH KOREAN MEMBERSHIP.

7. KOREAN REPS SAID PROSPECTS FOR EQUAL TREATMENT WITH NORTH KOREA BY NAC ARE "UNCERTAIN".

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